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Note verbale dated 6 December 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 9 November 1994 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/49/667-S/1994/1279), annexed to which he submits an aide-mémoire expressing the views of his Government on the desirability of increased reliance on public debates by the Security Council in reaching its decisions.

Brazil supports this suggestion, which is consistent with the views expressed by my delegation on many occasions on the need to increase the transparency and accountability of the Security Council. We refer in particular to our statements made during the debates on agenda items 11 and 33 at the current session of the General Assembly, as well as in the Working Group of the Security Council on the Council's documentation and other procedural questions and in the Open-ended Working Group to consider all aspects of the question of increase of membership of the Security Council, and other matters related to the Security Council.

As to the frequency and modalities for more public meetings, Brazil believes that occasions such as at the initial consideration of important reports of the Secretary-General or those before the establishment or termination of peace-keeping operations warrant open and full-fledged deliberations before the membership of the Organization.

At the same time, Brazil believes that the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council should be updated, in order, inter alia, to take into account the status of informal consultations, the legal existence of which has yet to be acknowledged properly.

My delegation looks forward to discussing this issue further in the relevant bodies.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the present note verbale as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 11 and 33, and of the Security Council.